

"The Earth's Flat" - Ferrari

- Flat Earth Society prez gives explanation

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"The Flat Earth Society was founded on November 8, 1970 in Alden Nowlan's residence after a night of very hard drinking."

This revelation from Flat Earth Society President Leo Ferrari, set the tone for an interesting and very entertaining lecture entitled "Planoterrestrialism and Popular Prejudices."

The lecture, which lasted for approximately one hour, was held in Head Hall on Wednesday March 31. During the course of his discussion, Dr. Ferrari challenged the audience to examine the popular concept of a round or globular earth and then acknowledged that logically, this view is ridiculous.

A basic "law" in the globularists, or in Society jargon, globs round earth approach is rooted in the very fact that the notion of a round earth seems to contradict the dictates of commonsense. According to the "flat-earthers" "seeing is believing."

Caribbean lecture coming

Mr. Lionel Ifill, BA, MA, teaching master at Algonquin College, Nepean, Ontario will be the guest speaker on "Selected Issues in Development" relating to Caribbean Development on Wednesday 7th April 1982.

Mr. Ifill holds degrees in Economics from London University-England and McGill University in Montreal. He is presently a teaching master at the Algonquin College, Ontario, where he specializes in development economics with special emphasis on Caribbean and Third World development. Some of his selected topics will include:

1. Meaning and Relevance of foreign aids in the Caribbean Common Market.
2. Role of (CARICOM) in Caribbean Development
3. New International Economic Order (NIEO) and its relevance to Caribbean Development.
4. Trade Agreements with the European Economic Community (EEC), Canada and the United States.

The lecture will be held in Tilley Hall, Room 303 at 2:30 and is sponsored by the UNB Caribbean Circle.

Therefore, Ferrari argued that anyone with the ability to see would immediately realize that the immense Earth upon which we all live and move is essentially flat. (Except, of course, for an occasional unevenness of ground level.) Ferrari joked, "I can never walk up the hill without hearing some wisecrack like, 'Don't you wish it were flat?'"

Nevertheless, many people take the Society more "seriously". Since its first launching on that auspicious night in 1970, the Flat Earth Society has made its views known all across the country. There have been numerous invitations extended to President Ferrari to give lectures, do radio interviews and make television appearances. Yet Ferrari claims, "We didn't go looking for publicity, it went looking for us."

Perhaps his most publicized appearance was the television program "Front Page Challenge," said Ferrari "Gordon Sinclair didn't know what

to make of me." This is hardly surprising since Ferrari's unorthodox views are not only fascinating and often amusing, but they are also mind-teasing.

Ferrari appealed to the audiences "common sense". He maintained, "If the Earth were a gigantic sphere then why do not all the oceans of the world drain off leaving one immense muddy mess?" He reasoned that if the Earth were indeed

round, than one half of the world would be upside down. Ferrari said that, speaking

from experience, he could testify that he felt no different living supposedly "upside down" in Australia than living anywhere else in the world.

The Flat Earth Society largely blames the globularists and astronomers for "brain-

washing" children into preferring spherical objects. It all begins, said Ferrari, when a child receives a "well-rounded feeding routine" after birth.

The child is then given either a "round rattle" or a round ball to play with, and is sent to

school to get a "well-rounded education" so that he may become an "all-around" performer. According to Ferrari,

this deluge of round objects in a child's life result in the commonly held belief (myth) that the Earth, too, must be round.

The Flat Earth Society contends, however, "there is a fine, but very sharp line bet-

ween fantasy and fact..." We of the Flat Earth Society have

been accused of believing that the Earth is flat. This is not correct. We know that the Earth is flat.!"

For anyone interested in learning more about this society's activities or wishing to

become a member contact: the President of the Flat Earth Society, c/o St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B. Canada E3B 5G3.

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